

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The Independent Order of Foresters was founded in 1874 and is one of the oldest and largest fraternal benefit societies in the world with well over a million members residing in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom, and dedicated to the preservation of family life; and,

WHEREAS, One of the major goals of the Order is to help eradicate the blight of child abuse...and to this end, established the Independent Order of Foresters, Florence Ballum Prevention of Child Abuse Fund in 1975, which has contributed cash grants to 223 agencies across the United States and Canada; and,

WHEREAS, Recognizing that child abuse and neglect is an ever increasing problem in today's society, the Foresters provide six significant films addressing the subject; and,

WHEREAS, The Independent Order of Foresters serves its strong commitment to public education through the distribution of a series of informative brochures and booklets used widely by schools, clinics, libraries, social service and counselling organizations; and,

WHEREAS, The National Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse estimates 2.5 million children will be victims of maltreatment this year...

...the President of the United States has proclaimed April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month...

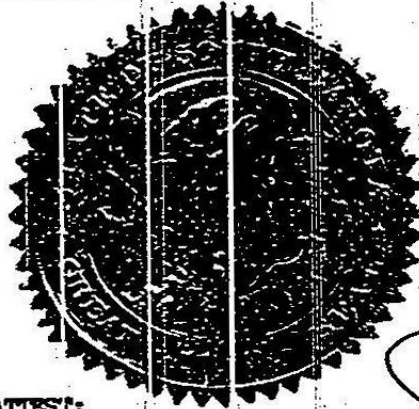
...and, The Independent Order of Foresters, the Family Fraternal, has adopted child abuse prevention as a major focus for numerous community service projects, volunteer activities, fundraising efforts and other benevolent involvements:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 23 through 30, 1988, as

THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS

PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE WEEK

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Fourth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

JOHN HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE